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SUBJECT: SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL CALLS ON SCHUETZ

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1. SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL BYKOV FINALLY MADE COURTESY  
CALL ON GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ, DECEMBER 16, TWO AND  
ONE-HALF MONTHS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN BERLIN. FLAG  
ISSUE RESOLVED BY SCHEDULING BYKOV'S CALL ON SAME DAY  
AS FAREWELL CALL BY IRANIAN CONSUL GENERAL AND VISIT  
BY FRG STATE SECRETARY ROHWEDDER. PRESS REPORTS PLAYED  
UP POINT THAT FROM SENAT POINT OF VIEW FRG FLAG WAS NOT  
DISPLAYED IN HONOR OF STATE SECRETARY ROHWEDDER'S  
VISIT. SENAT SPOKESMAN STRUVE TOLD PRESS THAT SENAT  
ALWAYS DISPLAYED FRG FLAG AND HAD NOT FLOWN IT AS A  
SPECIAL HONOR TO WEST GERMAN VISITORS SINCE 1948.

2. AFTER HIS 15 MINUTE CALL ON SCHUETZ, BYKOV  
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TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE HAD MERELY PRESENTED HIMSELF,  
UNDERLINING AT SAME TIME THAT HE WAS ACCREDITED TO THE  
THREE WESTERN ALLIED COMMANDANTS. HE STATED THAT  
HE HAD TOLD SCHUETZ THAT SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL AND FOREIGN TRADE  
ASSOCIATION THERE HAD BEEN POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE

RELATIONS OF WEST BERLIN AND THE SOVIET UNION. HE NOTED FURTHER THAT THIS WAS A GOOD BASIS FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS ON A NUMBER OF FRONTS. BYKOV SAID HE DID NOT RAISE THE QUESTION OF INVITATION OF SCHUETZ TO VISIT MOSCOW. (COMMENT: SCHUETZ VISIT HAS NEVER MATERIALIZED BECAUSE OF SOVIET REFUSAL TO PERMIT FRG EMBASSY IN MOSCOW TO BE INVOLVED).

3. AFTER HIS CALL ON SCHUETZ BYKOV ALSO PAID COURTESY CALL ON ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WALTER SICKERT. SICKERT, KNOWN TO DELIGHT IN TWEAKING SOVIET INTERLOCUTORS, TOLD BYKOV THAT HE WAS ACTUALLY PINCH-HITTING FOR PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PETER LORENZ, WHO WAS IN BONN CARRYING OUT HIS MANDATE IN THE FRG BUDESTAG WHICH WAS VOTING FOR THE CHANCELLOR. BYKOV REPORTEDLY GAVE A WAN SMILE AND WAS HAPPY TO HAVE THE SUBJECT CHANGED. DAVIS

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